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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a ~~new Rosaceae plant~~ Rosa hybrida.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark ~~orange~~-red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

1       The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as  
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a  
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

1       The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded  
plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance  
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The  
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate  
5       numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression  
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
conditions.

      The following observations are made of specimens grown  
outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November  
10       budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

      Form:                               Upright

      Growth:                            Very vigorous

15       Size:                            Height about 5 feet; width  
about 3 feet

Foliage

20       Size:                            Terminal leaflet length  
about 3 inches; width about  
1 1/2 inches

      Quantity:                        Usually 5 leaflet leaves,  
25       ~~occasional 7 leaflet leaves~~

Color

      New foliage:                    Upper side near 146B; under  
side near 182C

30       Mature                           Upper side near 147A; under  
foliage:                           side near 147C

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|    |                                  |  |
|----|----------------------------------|--|
|    | Shape:                           | Elliptic   |
| 1  | Texture                          | Upper side smooth,<br>semi-glossy; under side matte  |
|    | Edge:                            | Serrated   |
| 5  | Serration:                       | Serrate  |
|    | Petioles:                        | Top surface color near 146B;<br>Under side near 147C |
| 10 | Stipules:                        | Medium   |
|    | Auricle:                         | Small, slightly serrated                             |
|    | Rachis:                          | Smooth   |
|    | WOOD                             |  |
| 15 | New shoots                       |  |
|    | Bark:                            | Smooth   |
|    | Wood:                            | Near 46A   |
| 20 | Old wood                         |  |
|    | Bark:                            | Smooth   |
|    | Wood:                            | Near 137C  |
| 25 | Flowering stem:                  | Length about 18 inches                               |
|    | Winter Hardiness:                | Completely winter hardy                              |
|    | Resistance to Disease:           | <del>Fair</del> -Average                             |
| 30 | Preferred growing<br>conditions: | Full sun   |

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|                      |                  |   |
|----------------------|------------------|---|
|                      | Growth habit:    | Upright   |
| 1                    | Leaves per stem: | About 7   |
|                      | Prickles/Thorns: | <u>Triangle shaped thorns, 1/2</u><br><u>inch high, 5/8 inches at</u><br><u>base, color close to</u><br><u>20D</u> <del>Dorsal shape, 1/4 to 3/16</del><br><del>inch length, near 145A</del>  |
| 5                    |                  |   |
| FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE |                  |   |
| 10                   | Blooming Habit:  | Continuous  |
|                      | Bud              | About 1 1/2 inches long,<br>1 3/8 inches wide   |
|                      | Form:            | High centered   |
| 15                   | Color:           | Before sepals divide color<br>near 46B; when sepals first<br>divide color near 47B; when<br>petals begin to unfurl color<br>near 47D  |
| 20                   |                  |   |
|                      | Sepals:          | Usually 5 per bloom, length<br>about 1 inch, width about <del>1/8</del><br><u>1/2 inch tapering down to 1/8</u><br><u>inch, top and bottom color</u><br><u>near 143A, usually about 3</u><br><u>extensions (top), 143c</u><br><u>(bottom)</u> |
| 25                   |                  |   |
|                      | Size:            | Length in relation to bud<br>about 1 3/8 inches   |
| 30                   |                  |   |
|                      | Color            | Topside near 158A; bottom   |

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near 147B

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Peduncle

Length:

About 4 1/2 inches, smooth

Strength:

Erect

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Color:

Near 139D

Flower

Size:

About 5 2/3 inches

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Borne:

Single

Form:

Very high centered

Petalage:

About 42

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Petaloids in center:

Few; between 3 to 4, color  
near 57A

Persistence:

Petals do not drop

Fragrance:

Medium

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Lasting Quality:

About 3 weeks on plant; about  
7 days after cutting

Color

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During first 2 days:

Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 46C; bottom near  
46D; outer petals topside  
near 47D, bottom near 48C

Base of petals

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(Point of attachment):

Near 2A

General tonality from a

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|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
|    | distance:   | Near <del>57B</del> <u>53C</u>  |
| 1  | Color Change:                                     | Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A                    |
|    | Petals  |   |
| 5  | Texture:  | Thick   |
|    | Shape:  | Oblong, 1 3/4 inch <u>widelong</u> ,<br>1 1/2 inch <u>longwide</u>        |
| 10 | Arrangement:                                      | Imbricated  |
|    | Appearance:                                       | Velvety front, satiny back  |
|    | REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS                               |   |
| 15 | Arrangement of stamens,<br>Filaments and Anthers: | Regularly arranged around styles, usually about 110 anthers and filaments |
| 20 | Color:  | Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C                                      |
|    | Pollen:   | No pollen   |
|    | Styles:   | Medium length; color near 47C   |
| 25 | Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries                         |   |
|    | Shape:  | Round   |
|    | Size:   | Small; about 1/2 inch   |
|    | Color:  | Near 140A   |
| 30 | Seeds:  | No seeds  |

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I CLAIM:

1       A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety  
substantially as shown and described.

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**ABSTRACT**

1        A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with dark  
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